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Mt. Pleasant

Evangelical United Brethren Church

Dedication Service

April 26, 1959

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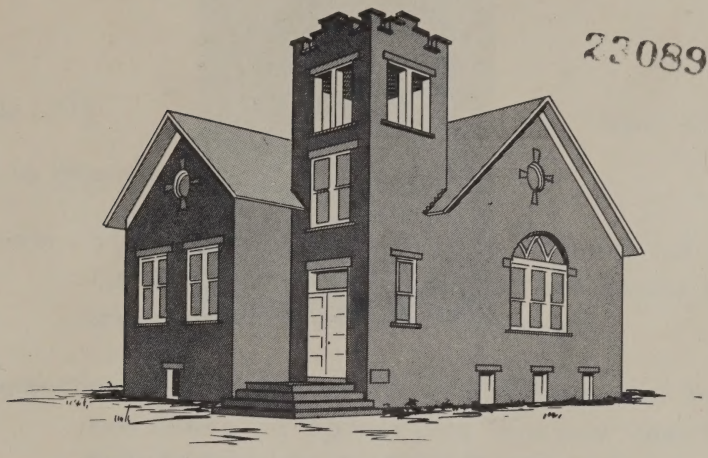

This our former church has served the community for many years, nuturing the spiritual life of its people; its memory will linger long in the minds of those who found Christ as Lord and Master of their life and soul.

Today we dedicate to the same God and Christ this our new Church home. May God bless it abundantly with His Spirit and His presence as it continues to fulfill its purposes here in this community. We as a church have heard the word of the Lord as he said to us: "Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong and do it." I Chronicles 28:10. "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6.

To all who have helped in this project giving of your time, your prayers, your financial means, and your interest and guidance, we say thank you ; and may God continue to use you. But let us never loose sight of the fact that:

"The Church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word;
From Heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died." Amen!

Carl E. Thompson, Pastor

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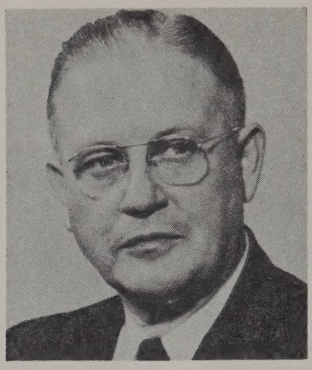
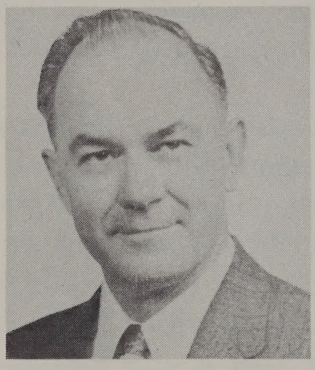
OUR BISHOP

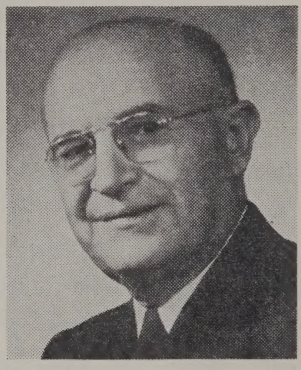


Reuben H. Mueller, D.D., LL.D.

OUR CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS



Wilson S. Parks, D.D.



Benjamin F. Smith, D.D.

OUR MINISTER

Carl E. Thompson

The Service of Morning Worship

10:30 A.M.

Prelude — Ercel Moore

Hymn No. 273 — "Jesus Calls Us"

The Call to Worship

Minister—Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

Congregation—I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done evil in thy sight.

Minister—The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plentious in mercy.

Congregation—I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day.

Invocation Prayer — Minister

Hymn No. 342 — "All Hail the Power"

Sscripture Lesson and Prayer—(Scripture I Kings 6:2, 7, 22, 29-37) — Dr. Parks

Solo "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" — Vada Marks

Hymn 143 — "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted"

Worship Through Giving

(Loose offering goes to Episcopal Fund)

Doxology — Congregation standing

Dedication of Offering — Minister

Hymn No. 160 — "Standing On the Promises"

Sermon "The House of God" — Dr. Smith

Hymn of Consecration No. 206 — "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Benediction — Minister

The Service of Dedication

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude — Ercel Moore

Hymn No. 2 — "The Church's One Foundation"

The Call to Worship

Minister—This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Congregation—O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Minister—Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise;

Congregation—For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

The Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer — Dr. Parks

Hymn No. 198 — "Onward Christian Soldiers"

The Reading of the Word—Matthew 16:13-27 — Dr. Smith

Hymn No. 112 — "Faith Is the Victory"

Pastor's Word — Rev. Thompson

Dedication Day Offering

We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord from thee. Amen

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering — Minister

Solo — "Bless This House" — Charles Yates

The Sermon — "They Dedicated Themselves" — Bishop Mueller

THE RITE OF DEDICATION

The Presentation of The Key — Members of Building Committee

The Scripture and Challenge

The Official Declaration and Vows

The Litany of Dedication — The Bishop and the People

Bishop: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this church to Christian worship.

People: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and Truth.

Bishop: We dedicate this church to the training of children in the knowledge and experience of God, to the summoning of youth to a life of Christian service, and to the sanctification of the family.

People: Remember also thy creator in the days of thy youth.

Bishop: We dedicate this church to the spiritual enrichment of all; to the guidance of those in trouble, the direction of those who have erred; the help of those confused and distressed; the consolation of the dying and the comfort of the bereaved, and to the eternal hope of life.

People: All souls are mine, said the Lord. Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.

Bishop: We dedicate this structure to the task of the church of our Savior Jesus Christ, to evangelism and education, social service, economic and civic righteousness, Christian unity, and international good will, the Kingdom of God and the brotherhood of man.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

Bishop: We dedicate this church to world-wide missionary endeavors that the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

People: Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Bishop: We dedicate this church in loving memory of those who in former years built spiritual foundations in faithful service, and with deep gratitude for those who have labored and prayed to make this building possible, also to those who in years to come shall worship God and his Christ here.

People: Breathe on me breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

The Dedication

People—We, the ministry and people of the congregation, compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, with grattitude for our heritage and appreciation for the service

of our fathers, do now consecrate ourselves to the upbuilding of God's cause at this place, and do at this moment dedicate this building unto Almighty God, and declare it to be the Mt. Pleasant Evangelical United Brethren Church. In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen!

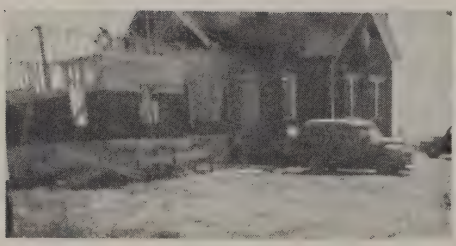
Charge to the Trustees (Trustees will present themselves at the Chancel of the Church.) Bishop

Doxology congregation standing

Benediction

Ground Breaking Service

September 15, 1957



Church Loyalty Services

April 27-May 1

8:00 P.M.

Monday night April 27 . . . Rev. L. T. Norris, Oakwood Park, Syracuse, Indiana. Pastor of the Green Center Church at Albion.

Tuesday night April 28 . . . Rev. Wilbur Workman, Albion, Indiana. Pastor of the Albion E.U.B. church

Wednesday night April 29 . . Rev. Milton Vogel, Kendallville, Indiana. Pastor of Kendallville First E.U.B. Church

Thursday night April 30 . . Rev. Arthur Truex, Wolcottville, Indiana. Pastor Wolcottville E.U.B. Circuit

Friday night May 1 . . . . . Rev. Norman Detroy, Waterloo, Indiana. Pastor Waterloo First Church

Come and worship with us every night of this week of services which these ministers of our own Waterloo Group will share with us. This will give us an opportunity to come to a better understanding of our relationship to the church; and to rededicate and consecrate our lives anew to the service of God and His Church here in the Mt. Pleasant Community.

Historical Sketch of Mt. Pleasant Church

Newville E.U.B. Circuit

In 1854 meetings were held in the home of Abraham Eakright by Rev. Benton and wife. About this time or soon after, a class was organized by either Rev. Benton or Rev. Moffitt with seven members, they were: Mr. and Mrs. William McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Dirrim, Mr. and Mrs: Abraham Eakright, and Mrs. Levi McBride.

Services were held at the Eakright home until 1861 when they commenced to use the log schoolhouse in section 19 near by. The society was known as the Eakright Class, until the place of worship was moved to the present place of the Mt. Pleasant Chapel which was erected in the fall of 1870.

Mr. Eakright and Phillip Ginder started out to see how much money could be raised toward a new church. The first day they solicited enough to assure a new building.

Jacob Ginder donated the ground for this new church which is located two miles west and three miles south of Butler, Indiana. There a frame structure 30 x 40 feet was built and dedicated in the fall of 1870, by Bishop J. Weaver. This church was on the same charge with the Big Run Church east of Butler and was served by a minister living in the town of Butler. Both churches were a part of the North Ohio Conference. In September 1881 the Conference session was held in this church under the leadership of Bishop J. J. Glosbrenner. Ministers and delegates to the Conference were entertained in homes in the community.

In 1883 a new church was built in Butler, and became a part of a three point circuit, served by the same minister that served the Mt. Pleasant Church.

The church was remodeled in 1889, with the reopening service conducted by Rev. D. O. Keller.

In 1896 the church was changed from the North Ohio Conference into the St. Joseph Conference.

In 1903 the class was changed from the Butler Circuit to the Newville Circuit. Rev. G. T. Mattox was the first pastor of the Newville Circuit.

In 1917, twenty-nine years after the church had been remodeled, it was rebuilt and veneered with brick, class rooms added, raised up to make a basement, a new furnace installed and new seats installed.

December 23, 1917 it was dedicated for the third time, by Bishop H. H. Fout with services in morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. D. E. Hively was pastor at this time.

In 1936 the church was re-roofed, a new furnace room made and a new furnace installed. The church was also redecorated at this time by Rev. P. A. Hubbart.

In 1946 with the merger of the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches, the Mt. Pleasant Church became a part of the Indiana North Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and is at present located in the East District of the conference.

The church continued to grow and in June of 1955 at a council of administration meeting it was voiced that we ought to begin to lay some plans to build an Educational Unit for the church, to relieve the strain of the cramped quarters in which we were attempting to teach a large group of children and young people. Before the meeting ended a temporary building committee had been appointed to start things moving to raise money toward such a project. Rev. Carl Thompson the present pastor was serving the church at that time.

The next spring we had our first project as a church-wide activity, and a community auction was chosen as the project. For a couple days before the sale time, men could be seen bringing anything and everything from all directions to be sold. A number of auctioneers donated their time, and a large crowd made the sale a huge success. Since then we have had a fair stand at the Auburn Fair as one of our church

projects every year, along with an annual ice cream social, with every member of the church and Sunday school participating.

In 1957 the Board of Missions gave the church permission to begin its building project by building the basement unit. On September 15, 1957 a Ground Breaking Service was held with the litany being led by Rev. Thompson, and the address given by Bishop J. B. Showers of Dayton, Ohio.

In the summer of 1958 the church again requested permission of the Board of Missions to complete the project. After approval of the plans by the board, permission was granted. The contract was let to Mr. Al Lange of Auburn, Indiana to complete the building. In the fall of 1958 the upper structure was started. This project has resulted in a country church building that has cost the people of the church much sacrifice. But we are justly proud of a structure built for the honor and glory of God, and for the spiritual teaching of young and old of the community.

Historical Committee
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Praul
Rev. Carl Thompson

Record of Pastors

As near as we can find out this is a complete list of the Pastors who have served the Mt Pleasant Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Rev. James Martin
Rev. Mortland
Rev. Clay
Rev. Rhoads
Rev. Baldwin
Rev. Keller
Rev. Lily
Rev. Brown
Rev Tedro
Rev. Cummins
Rev. McCloe
Rev. Smith
Rev. Bell
Rev. G. T. Mattox
Rev. J. S. Miller
Rev. I. N. Shilling
Rev. S. M. Hill
Rev. M. V. Hibbs
Rev. A. J. Brock
Rev. H. C. Beauchamp
Rev. T. Grow
Rev. O. P. Givens
Rev. J. T. Kessy
Rev. Edward Hively
Rev. Z. Dixon
Rev. L. G. Bears
Rev. G. R. Champlin
Rev. P. A. Hubbart
Rev. H. D. Meads
Rev. Strickler
Rev. P. A. Hubbart
Rev. A. Bremer
Rev. W. J. Roudebush
Rev. C. S. Preist
Rev. C. W. Moore
Rev. P. A. Hubbart
Rev. O. P. Givens
Rev. Kenneth Hostetler
Rev. F. J. Mumford
Rev. E. O. McSherry
Rev. P. A. Hubbart
Rev. Albert Swenson
Rev. Allen Stone
Rev. Carl Thompson

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dale Walter . . . . . Chairman
Joe Walter . . . . . Treasurer
Gertrude Reinhart . . . . . Secretary
Carl Thompson . . . . . Pastor

Lewis Walter — Waldo Rosenbury
Nellie Kraft — Forest Trenary
Homer Stemen

Roger Shultz . . . . . Church Trustee
Theron Imhoff . . . . . Church Trustee
Walter Reinhart . . . . Church Trustee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

All members of the Mt. Pleasant Evangelical United Brethren Church

ARCHITECT

Joseph H Kimbel Associates, Church Building Consultants
South Bend, Indiana

CONTRACTOR

Al Lange Construction Company, Auburn, Indiana

PLUMBING AND HEATING

Vic Kelley Plumbing and Heating Company, Butler, Indiana

ELECTRICAL WORK

Wilhelm Electrical Contractors, Ashley, Indiana

FURNITURE

Souder Church Furniture Company, Archibold, Ohio

ART GLASS

Ft. Wayne City Glass Company, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

MODERN FOLD DOOR

Old Fort Supply Company, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Gifts

The following have given contributions toward new furniture for the sanctuary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walter and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hankey and Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhart and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Arnett
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reinhart and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Theron Imhoff and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shultz
Mr. and Mrs. John Riggs and Family
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Keller and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lind
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kraft
Marlene and Dale Kraft and Ellis Ewing
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Praul and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Reinhart and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Walter and Family
Burmell Walter
Mrs. Florence Walter and Lewis Walter
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ginder
Mr. and Mrs. Forest Trenary and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jennings and Family
Mrs. George Lynn
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Curry and Family
Mrs. Mary Trenary and Opal Trenary
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mullett
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reinhart
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hankey and Family
Willing Workers Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Peterson and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Culbertson and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Warstler and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Warstler and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ferguson

Memorials

For Whom Given	Item	Given By
Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ginder	1 Pew	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reinhart
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Praul	1 Pew	Mr and Mrs. Eugene Praul
Mr. George Walter	1 Pew	Mrs. Florence Walter and Lewis Walter
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ginder	1 Pew	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reinhart

SPECIAL GIFTS

Item	Given By
1 Pew	A Donor
Sanctuary Carpet	Lades Aid Society
Cross and Candlesticks	Rev. and Mrs. Carl Thompson and Family
Offering Plates	Larry and Carol Thompson
Communion Table	Youth Fellowship

Sanctuary carpet gift sponsored by Ladies Aid Society. Members:

Ruth Breigel	Freida Overholtz
Doris Cline	Zora Praul
Goldie Ginder	Vera Rosenbury
Blanche Grogg	Evalyn Shafer
Sadie Keller	Fern Shultz
Ina Kitchen	Inez Snyder
Iva Kitchen	Willadene Thompson
Nellie Krafft	Helen Warstler
Blanche Lynn	Mayola Walter
Ercel Moore	Maurine Young
Elizabeth Mullett	Gladys Hankey

Special donors to Ladies Aid carpet fund.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lung	Marion Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Souder	Frank Ginder
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenbury	Pearl Arnett
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Waldo Rosenbury	Florence Walter

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